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HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

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A HOUSE RESOLUTION urging the legislative council to assign to the appropriate study committee the topic of public policy that assists individuals with chronic eye disease in removing barriers to long term access to effective treatment therapies.

Whereas, Preventable eye diseases such as macular degeneration, glaucoma, and diabetic retinopathy are the leading causes of preventable blindness in Indiana and across the United States;

Whereas, Vision loss and blindness profoundly affect quality of life and place great financial burdens on Indiana taxpayers who must bear a large portion of expenses for the blind;

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Whereas, The cost to treat and care for a late-onset visually impaired individual is exceedingly higher than effective preventative treatment of the diseases that cause it;

Whereas, The medical community has recognized that patient adherence to long term chronic medicine regimens wanes over time, particularly if barriers exist to patients' access to their therapies;

Whereas, Health care professionals and CMS recognize eye drops are a unique therapy due to the patient self-administered nature of a viscous product; and

Whereas, Due to this, studies have shown that a patient's adherence to therapeutic eye care medicine can drop off at an even higher rate than traditional medicines: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to assign to the
- 2 appropriate study committee the topic of public policy that assists
- 3 individuals with chronic eye disease in removing barriers to long term
- 4 access to effective treatment therapies.

